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1. From 15 January 1952 on, following the autumn maneuvers, anti-aircraft artillery and air units have been moved from eastern Europe to northern Siberia, according to a plan for the defense of the northern Siberian approaches prepared by a special committee of the Soviet General Staff. The head of this committee is Army General S.M. Shtemenko. Some of these units are being directed to Sredne-Kolymsk (67-27N, 153-34E) and Chukotka (Chukotskaya Kultbaza, 66-35N, 171-00E) and the new Soviet base at Kronotskoye Lake in Kamchatka. The Soviet Army in Europe is being reinforced by new armored units under the command of Marshal P.A. Rotmistrov.

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- 2. The poor handling of logistic support problems during the autumn maneuvers has resulted in a large production order for amphibious trucks of three and five tons from the Molotov Automobile Works in Gorki. As of 1 January 1952 more than thirty Czechoslovak engineers from the Tara National Corporation at Koprivnice have been ordered to Gorki under chief constructor Klenovec (fnu). The amphibious trucks will later be produced in Czechoslovakia. The trucks have eight wheels and four propellors. Unloading equipment on the trucks is on the I.M. Frolov system.
- 3. Semi-fortable launching equipment for the new V-3 rocket appeared in the maneuvers. It was made by the Uralmash Factory in Sverdlovsk.
- As a result of criticisms of the Czech Army's performance in the autumn maneuvers made by Soviet Marshal I.T. Peresypkin, a crisis developed in the Czechoslovak General Staff in January 1952. Czechoslovak Minister of Defense Dr. Alexej Cepicka, son-in-law of Klement Gottwald, took action against the Deputy Minister of Defense and head of the Czech General Staff, Dr. Jaroslav Prochaska. Similar action was taked against another Deputy Minister of National Defense, General Bohumil Lastovicka. Criticism of the performance of the Polish Army has as yet produced no changes in the leadership of the Army.

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